

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

March, 2013

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30. The meeting is will be held at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

This month will be the election of officers for the next twelve months. The nominees are Franc Connor for President, Mike Puhl for Vice President, Loretta Groom for Secretary, and Mike Swanson for Treasurer.

We will also have our regular business meeting, show and tell for anything you want to bring in, the raffle, and the auction.

### Coin Lore

#### HARD TIMES TOKENS

*by Bill Groom*

Throughout U.S. history, there have been various periods that could be labeled as “hard” times. When it comes to numismatics, the era is generally accepted as being 1832-1844 or so. Andrew Jackson was reelected to the office of President in 1832. He was a wealthy slaveholder and war hero whose followers formed the Democrat party. He was succeeded in office by his Vice President, Martin Van Buren.

Jackson and his followers sought to weaken the Second Bank of the United States by making only silver and gold coins acceptable as payment for public lands. This led to widespread inflation and a proliferation of paper money issued by state banks and private entities. Ultimately, the vast amount of paper money proved to be worthless.



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During the so-called hard times era, large cent-sized tokens circulated, too. These tokens possessed a cent's worth of copper. Many of them, typically dated 1837 or 1841, closely resembled a large cent. Some of them display "Not One Cent" within a wreath on the reverse. Still others offer political sentiments while many of the tokens advertised goods and services.

There are literally hundreds of varieties of Hard Times tokens available to collectors. The most common of these are scarcer than 1909-S VDB cents yet now sell for twenty dollars or less in lower grades. Unlike the commonly seen wheat cent design, the Hard Times token series offers a wide variety of pictorials, like a running boar, a mythical phoenix arising from flames, an eagle grasping a snake in its beak, a jackass and more ... All in all, this series is a delightful one to collect and cause one to contemplate history!

**COINfucious Says:** *"Man with one nostril plugged get half cent."*

### Cookeville Coin Club

The Cookeville Coin Club has outgrown their old meeting room and has moved to Woodmen of the World Insurance building 559 Polly Dr., Cookeville, TN 38501. They still meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. A map to the new meeting place is at the end of the newsletter.

The Cookeville club will also have a coin show in June. See the coin show listing below for details.

### Area Coin Shows

March 9, 2012      **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

April 6, 2012      **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

April 19-21, 2013      **Dalton;** Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show NW GA Trade & Convention Ctr. I-75 exit 333

May 4, 2012      **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

May 17-18, 2013      **Gallatin Coin Show**, Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Rd., Gallatin, TN 37066

June 15, 2013      **Cookeville**, Hyder Burks Pavilion, 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville, TN

For more information on some of these shows see <http://www.tsns.org/Tennessee Club Shows.html>

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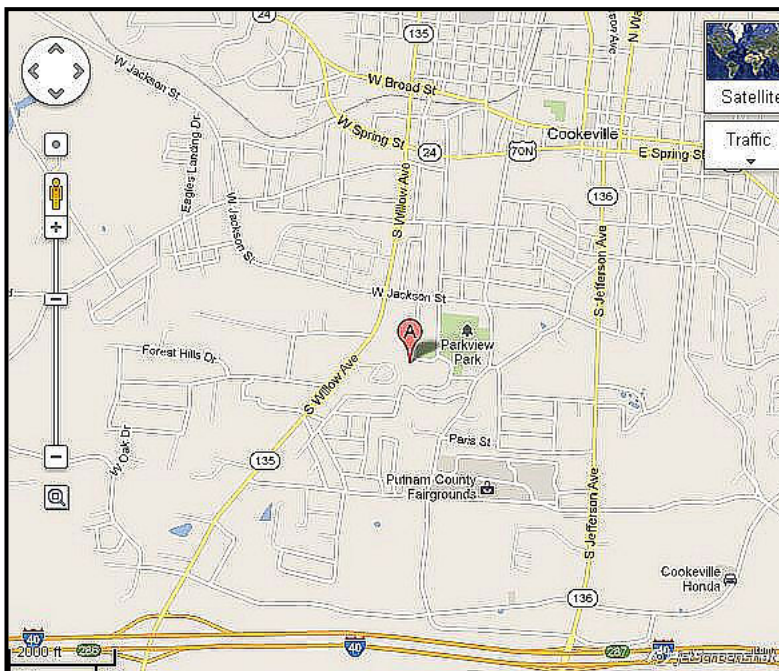
### This Month's Raffle Prizes

|                  |                     | Est. Grade |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1931-S           | Buffalo Nickel      | VG         |
| 1909 VDB         | Lincoln Cent        | Fine       |
| 1917-S & 1931-S  | Mercury 10c         | VF & Fine  |
| 1909, 1928-D & S | Nickels             | Fine & VF  |
| 1955             | Franklin Half (key) | XF         |

The Door Prize will be a 1977 Jimmy Carter Silver Inaugural Franklin Mint Set with FDC's.

### Location of Cookeville Coin Club's New Meeting Place

Large View from I-40



Closer View

